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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Sharon Kennedy	3762

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,51 and 89-97 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 89-97 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 51 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some *
 - c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date all.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action or the MPEP.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The specification needs to be updated in the beginning paragraph to include a reference to the parent application. Appropriate correction is required.

Double Patenting

Claims 1 and 51 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-86 of U.S. Patent No. 6,692,457. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the claims of this application encompass the claims of the parent.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 89-97 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 51 would be allowed if terminal disclaimers were filed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Burkett remains the closest prior art. The claims require a flow path and a flow

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condition sensor assembly having a resilient diaphragm, the first surface of the diaphragm being positioned again the flow path. However, Burkett fails to disclose the chamber wall adjacent the second surface of the diaphragm and defining a sensor chamber. This arrangement provides a threshold signal as claimed. None of the prior art discloses or suggests this arrangement.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharon Kennedy whose telephone number is 571/272-4948. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Sykes can be reached on 571/272-4955.

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